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Canceled: Boil Water Advisory for Clairmont Area Pipe fixed, Road Repairs Remain

DECATUR – The DeKalb County Watershed Division has canceled a boil water advisory for the Clairmont Road area. Earlier today, the DeKalb County Watershed Division has completed repairs on a 30" water main in the 2900 block of Clairmont Road.

DeKalb County technicians working with the Georgia Environmental Protection Division collected and tested water samples in the area. As the review has been completed, the boil water advisory is canceled effective immediately.

Watershed crews were called to a compromised water line since Wednesday, Sept. 4, 2013. The cause of the damage was the failure of a transition joint between two pipes: a cast iron pipe in place since 1941 and a steel pipe which was added in 1963. Repair efforts were hindered by four factors: 1) The difference in the material between the pipes, 2) the corresponding difference in outside diameter, 3) the non-standard modifications to the coupling device that was utilized in 1963 and 4) the failure of 3 isolation valves which was likely caused by old age.

The water was restored to the system Friday, Sept. 6, and the boil water advisory was originally issued at that time. Watershed crews will continue to work on external repairs and restoration of the excavation sites and pavement throughout this week.

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DeKalb work crews begin filling in the cavity on Clairmont Road so road repairs can begin

For more information, contact the DeKalb County Watershed Department at 770-270-6243.

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